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SUBJECT: (C) Mobile Missile Threat to NATO

TO: Director, Central Intelligence Agency

1. The inclosed request was submitted to the Defense Intelligence Agency by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. Because both the substance matter and the releasability of the estimate involved are the concern of the entire intelligence community, it is requested that the United States Intelligence Board prepare the information requested by Mr. Nitze in a form releasable to the North Atlantic Council in support of Ambassador Finletter.

2. Attention is invited to the urgent nature of the request as stated in the final paragraph.

Joseph F. Carroll

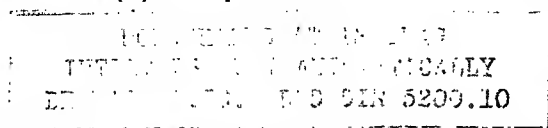
JOSEPH F. CARROLL
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director

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*This memo was tabled
at the 21 March 1962
USIB meeting (see USIB-M-206,
item 8).*

OSD REVIEW COMPLETED

DIA review(s) completed.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Subject: Mobile Missile Threat to NATO (C)

1. The attached memorandum by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) for the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, dated 15 March 1962, subject as above, is forwarded.

2. Without attachment, this memorandum is downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

J. J. Blouin
J. J. BLOUIN
RADM, USN
Secretary

Attachment

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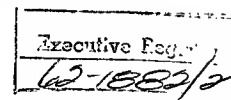
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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Refer to I-15,603/62
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
THROUGH: CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Mobile Missile Threat to NATO (C)

REFS: POLTO 1143, 1171 and TOPOL 1373

In current NAC discussion Ambassador Finletter has found need for a substantive estimate of possible Soviet technological developments in the weapons field for the period 1962-70 which can be presented to the NATO powers. This stems primarily from German concern over NATO capabilities to counter the emerging threat of Soviet nuclear-capable mobile missile systems in Eastern Europe.

It is requested that a statement, or statements, be prepared under USIB auspices for release to NAC covering:

1. in the missile field, current Soviet mobile missile capabilities and potential developments during the period in:

- a. Short-range missiles
- b. MRBM's
- c. ICBM's
- d. Armed satellites or other space vehicles;

2. possible development of alternative methods for reducing the vulnerability of these weapons, such as hardening and dispersion;

3. the vulnerability of these systems because of reliance on fixed support complexes -- germane to this problem would be the extent to which the Soviets move from liquid to solid propellants;

4. possible developments in associated defense capabilities, particularly in anti-missile systems, and

5. any potential break-through development in an associated field which could substantially alter relative Soviet-NATO capabilities for nuclear attack or defense.

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Where feasible, quantitative estimates of the threats and timing of new developments are requested.

It is desired to make available to the FRG as much information as possible. Because wide dissemination in NAC may pose security problems it may be necessary to prepare a general statement for NAC as a whole and a more detailed supplemental study for release only to UK, Canada, France and Germany.

A reply is requested as soon as possible but in any case in time to reach Ambassador Finletter by the end of the month.

Paul H. Witze

cc:Dept of State
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